

HOUSE BILL 2298

By Harmon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3,  
Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to term limits for  
members of the general assembly.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following language as a new section thereto:

3-1-123.

(a) No person elected to the office of representative or senator shall  
serve more than twelve (12) consecutive years in the house to which such  
person was elected.

(b) For the purpose of calculating the twelve-year limitation, the  
beginning date shall be the date of the November general election in 2012.

(c)

(1) After serving twelve (12) consecutive years as a  
representative, a person shall be eligible to run for election as a senator  
for a term commencing at the end of such person's term as a  
representative. However, such person shall not be eligible to run for re-  
election or be appointed to serve as a representative until after the  
expiration of one (1) year following the end of such person's service as a  
representative.

(2) After serving twelve (12) consecutive years as a senator, a  
person shall be eligible to run for election as a representative for a term  
commencing at the end of such person's term as a senator. However,  
such person shall not be eligible to run for re-election or be appointed to

serve as a senator until after the expiration of two (2) years following the end of such person's service as a senator.

(d) The time served by any person elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to fill a vacancy shall not be included in calculating the twelve-year limitation of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.